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cured a transcript of it, and so edited it as greatly to enhance its value. In addition to labors peculiarly his own, he contributed to the "Memorial History of Boston" one of the most important chapters, and two chapters to the "Narrative and Critical History of America." His style was simple, chaste, and elegant, manifestly formed on the best models, and as an annotator he had the rare gift of knowing precisely what needed to be supplied or explained, and what the reader might be supposed to know or understand without prompting.

Though not a college graduate, Mr. Deane did not lack university honors. In 1856, he received from Harvard College the degree of A. M.; that of LL. D. was conferred on him by Bowdoin College in 1871, and in 1886, at the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Harvard College, he was selected as foremost in his department of literature for a place among the men of special eminence who then received the degree of LL. D.

Mr. Deane in private life merited and won only the highest esteem, honor, and love. He had and made a happy home, a centre of kindness and hospitality. He was generous, not only in those charities of which a man of ample means does not feel the cost, but in his unflinching readiness to aid others in their researches at the expense of time, which to him was more precious than money, and equally in his full appreciation of labors kindred to or parallel with his own, which had no more cordial welcome, and, when merited, no more hearty praise than from him. He probably never had an enemy or a detractor; while no man can have had a longer list of friends, or warmer friends than those who knew him best.

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS.

JOHN HUNTINGTON CRANE COFFIN.*

JOHN HUNTINGTON CRANE COFFIN was born in Wiscasset, Maine, September 14, 1815; he died in Washington, D. C., January 8, 1890. He was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1834, and in January, 1836, entered the United States Navy as Professor of Mathematics. From 1836 till 1843 he served on board the "Vandalia" and "Constellation" of the West India squadron, at the Norfolk Navy Yard, and on

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the Florida surveys. He was placed in charge of the mural circle in the United States Naval Observatory, Washington, in 1843, and continued in that capacity until 1853, when he was assigned to the charge of the Department of Mathematics at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, and later had charge of the department of astronomy and navigation. In 1865 he was appointed to the charge of the "American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac," then issued in Cambridge, Mass., but in 1867 its place of publication was transferred to Washington, D. C., whither Professor Coffin then removed, and remained its chief officer until 1877, when he was placed on the retired list, having been senior Professor of Mathematics since 1848. The degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by Bowdoin in 1884, and he was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and in 1863 became one of the corporate members of the National Academy of Sciences, named by act of Congress, of which organization he was for several terms the treasurer. Besides many shorter articles and certain contributions to cyclopædias, Professor Coffin published "Observations with the Mural Circle at the United States Naval Observatory, with Explanations, Formulas, Tables, and Discussions, 1845-1849," in the volumes of the Observatory for those years; "The Compass" (1863); "Navigation and Nautical Astronomy" (New York, 1868); the last two were prepared for use in the United States Naval Academy; "The American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac," edited (1868 till 1879); also "Personal Errors in Observations of the Declination of Stars," in Dr. Benjamin A. Gould's "Astronomical Journal" (1850), and "Observations of the Total Eclipse of the Sun, August, 1869," made at Burlington, Mount Pleasant, and elsewhere in Iowa, under his direction (Washington, 1884).

ROWLAND GIBSON HAZARD.*

ROWLAND GIBSON HAZARD belonged to an old Rhode Island family, whose representatives were in Newport as early as 1640. He was the son of Rowland and Mary Peace Hazard, and was born in South Kingstown, October 9, 1801. His parents were members of the Society of Friends. He received his education principally at the Friends' School in Westtown, Pa. He was an apt scholar, especially in mathematics. His father, who had long been engaged in business

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